SCHOOL PROFILE FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

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OUR MISSION

Trinity Hall is an independent, all-girls school that educates and empowers young women in the Catholic tradition through an innovative college preparatory program grounded in our four core values of leadership, respect, perseverance, and faith. Trinity Hall prepares each student to achieve her full potential as she embraces her place in the world.

OUR STORY

In September 2013, Trinity Hall opened its doors to our inaugural ninth grade class, providing girls in and around Monmouth County with an independent, all-girls high school, an educational option that was long overdue. In just seven years, Trinity Hall has become one of the leading schools in Central New Jersey with a diverse student body of approximately 300 students representing three counties and nearly 50 cities. The Class of 2020 was the last of our four "founding classes" to celebrate their graduation.

The Application Process

The application process at Trinity Hall is both selective and holistic. The admissions committee considers many factors when evaluating an applicant, selecting students who challenged themselves during their middle school years while maintaining strong grades. We seek families who will uphold the mission of the school as well as students who will continue to pursue their highest potential through rigorous academics and meaningful extra-curricular activities while contributing positively to the Trinity Hall community.

Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities

Trinity Hall students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of athletic teams and extracurricular activities. Our athletics program offers students the opportunity to participate in 16 sports, most of which compete at both the varsity and junior

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Trinity Hall is accredited by:

- New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJAIS)
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA) – designated as a Program of Distinction in STEM in 2019

Trinity Hall holds memberships with:

- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJAIS)
- National Coalition of Girls Schools (NCGS)
- One Schoolhouse
- National Business Officers Association (NBOA)
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
- The Heads Network
- Head Mistresses Association of the East
- National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- New Jersey Association of College Admission Counseling (NJACAC)
- New Jersey Independent School Athletic Association (NJISAA)
- New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)
- Shore Conference

varsity levels. In 2019 and 2020 the Trinity Hall Monarchs won the prestigious ShopRite Cup, awarded by the NJSIAA to the highest performing school in each division based on points accrued for state tournament performance and season-long sportsmanship.

Each year, Trinity Hall's Queen's Court Company and Crowning Crew produce a fall drama and a spring musical. The school has more than 20 clubs, created and led by students, as well as student-run organizations,

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including ACE (Acceptance, Compassion, and Empowerment), Liturgical Ministry, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Student Ambassadors, Student Annual Fund Committee and Tech Team. Student Government is divided into five core councils with elected representatives from each class—Academics, Arts, Athletics, Community Life, SCOPE (Service, Community Outreach, and Prayer are Essential)—in addition to class presidents and a student body president and vice president. Trinity Hall practices shared leadership, giving all students the opportunity to lead. Students are not able to hold more than one leadership position outside of athletics.

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Trinity Hall is committed to providing unprecedented opportunities for learning and leadership through an innovative curriculum taught by passionate and experienced faculty in a diverse environment that celebrates the Catholic tradition. Trinity Hall encourages students to think creatively and critically, solve problems collaboratively, communicate effectively, and lead purposefully. Through interdisciplinary studies, design thinking, and a problem-based math curriculum, students are academically

GRADING SCALE

93-100

90-92

87-89 83-86

80-82

77-79

73-76

70-72

65-69

Below 65 Passing

B+

B-

C

C-

D

well-rounded and thoroughly prepared for college.

School Calendar

Trinity Hall operates on a trimester system; first trimester grades can be sent to colleges in early December.

Honors and Advanced Placement

All academic courses are taught at the honors level with the opportunity for Advanced Placement (AP) courses beginning in tenth grade. Trinity Hall limits the number of AP classes a student can take each year, with very few exceptions, to: 1 sophomore year, 3 junior year, and 4 senior year (8 total AP classes).

Grading and Class Rank

Grading is based on an A-F scale (see sidebar), and all graded courses are included in the unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Required Integrated Wellness and Arts courses taken in 9th and 10th grade are graded as pass/fail. **Trinity Hall does not rank students**.

Interdisciplinary Programs

Our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program focuses on developing lessons and techniques that bring together STEM disciplines and concepts through creative hands-on projects and experiments. Trinity Hall students take *four years of engineering*, which includes the design process and its applications; developing, documenting, and communicating solutions to various challenges; and participating in advanced problem solving and design development. Trinity Hall's problem-based math program integrates several mathematical concepts and subjects each year, beginning with the building of algebra and geometry skills in Math I, to more intensive geometry, algebra 2, and trigonometry in Math II, leading to pre-calculus in Math III and ultimately calculus at either the Honors or AP level and/or the study of statistics. In 2019, Trinity Hall was the first high school in NJ to receive the Program of Distinction in STEM designation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Our Humanities program is designed to integrate both skills and content between the disciplines of English, history, and theology. Students learn to appreciate and understand the historical, cultural, theological, and literary contexts of their global society through an interdisciplinary approach that encourages 21st century skills. Students make significant connections, analyze important issues, and articulate their interpretations and opinions orally and in writing. Through the lens of the Catholic theological tradition, students engage in the exploration of prayer, scripture, sacraments, the Church's moral and social teachings, and examination of world religions. Integral to our theology courses is a fostering of each student's discernment of who God is, who she is, and the discovery of her unique place in our world.

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The World Language courses at Trinity Hall emphasize the four main skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking through mainly target-language instruction starting at Level 1. Cultural comparisons, connections, and global outreach are a priority throughout the scope and sequence of the students' language learning journey.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4 years Engineering 4 years Theology 4 years **Mathematics** 3 years History 3 years Lab Science 3 years World Language 3 years Arts 2 years Integrated Wellness 2 years Electives 3 years

Experiential Learning

Trinity Hall encourages our students to take risks, pursue personal passions, network globally, and grow as learners and valued individuals. Thus, the school has created two experiential learning programs: **Beyond the Hall** and **Global Travel Experiences**. Each spring, every senior is required to research, secure, and participate in an unpaid 40-hour externship as part of the Beyond the Hall program that provides graduating students the opportunity to explore a field of interest to them in a real-world environment. Starting freshman year, students are invited to participate in immersive cultural and/or service experiences through school-sponsored domestic and international adventures, including trips to Canada, Costa Rica, France, Spain, and Washington, D.C.

COVID-19 Impact on Academic Program

In response to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Trinity Hall immediately transitioned to remote learning on March 16, 2020 with no loss of academic time. Our combined synchronous and asynchronous virtual instruction maintained the high quality and expectations of our in-person curriculum; therefore no changes were made to our grading policies, with the exception of more flexible late penalties and cancellation of final exams for the 2019-20 school year. Trinity Hall opened the 2020-21 school year with traditional in-person classes with students given the option to attend virtually.

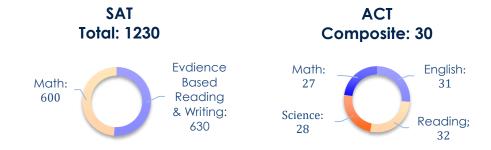
STANDARDIZED TESTING

Advanced Placement

In May 2020, Trinity Hall students successfully completed 480 virtual Advanced Placement tests in 20 subjects. As of August 2020, 52 students were named AP Scholars, 13 students were named AP Scholars with Honor, 15 students were named an AP Scholar with Distinction, and one student was named a National AP Scholar.

SAT and ACT

The mean of the highest scores for the first four graduating classes are as follows:



National Merit Scholars

Since 2017, three Trinity Hall students have been named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program, and one member of the Class of 2021 has been designated a National Merit Semifinalist.

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COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

English (6 credits each)

HO English I: Composition & Literature HO English II: Modern Global Literature

AP English Language & Composition/American Lit

AP English Literature & Composition HO English IV: Themes in Literature

History/Social Sciences (6 credits, except as noted)

HO World History I

AP World History

AP US History or HO US History

AP US Government & Politics

AP Psychology

HO US Government (2 credits)

HO Economics (2 credits)

Theology (6 credits each, except as noted)

HO Theology I: Introduction to Theology

HO Theology II: World Religions

HO Theology III: Mission of the Church (3 credits) HO Theology IV: Contemporary Church (3 credits)

Science (6 credits each)

HO Physics

AP Physics 1

AP Physics C

HO Chemistry

AP Chemistry

HO Biology

AP Biology

HO Anatomy & Physiology

Mathematics (6 credits each)

HO Math I: Integrated Algebra/Geometry

HO Math II: Integrated Algebra II/Geometry/Trig.

HO Math III: Pre-Calculus

HO Calculus

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

HO Statistics

Engineering (3 credits each)

HO Engineering I

HO Engineering II

HO Engineering III

HO Engineering IV

World Languages (6 credits each)

HO Spanish I, II, III, IV, V AP Spanish Language & Culture AP Spanish Literature & Culture HO French I, II, III, IV AP French Language & Culture

Arts (1 credit each, except as noted)

AP Music Theory (6 credits)

Advanced Photography

Dance I, II

Directing

Foundation Drawing

Industrial Design

Monologue

Music I, II

Music Theory

Photography/Graphic Design

Playwriting

Sculpture

Sound and Physics

Studio Arts

Theater I, II, III, IV

Theater Design

Fitness and Health (1 credit each)

Integrated Wellness I, II

Online Courses (via One Schoolhouse / 6 credits each)

AP Art History

AP Computer Science A

AP Environmental Science

AP European History

AP Macroeconomics

AP Psychology

AP Statistics

Astronomy

Forensic Science

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COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS FOR TRINITY HALL'S FOUR FOUNDING CLASSES

Trinity Hall's first four graduating classes received 100% four-year college acceptance and more than \$24.6 million in academic merit-based scholarships. The list below contains college matriculations for the 160 graduates in the Classes of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Boston College (4)
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University (5)
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Catholic University of America

Centenary University Clemson University (4) Colgate University

Caldwell University

College of the Holy Cross (3) College of William and Mary

Cornell University (2)
Dartmouth College (2)
Drew University
Drexel University (2)
Elon University (2)
Emerson College
Fairfield University (2)

Fairleigh Dickinson University Fordham University (2) Franklin and Marshall College George Washington University (3)

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gettysburg College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2)

Iona College

James Madison University
Jefferson University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College (6)
Lehigh University (3)
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland (5)

Manhattan College (2)

Marist College

Montclair State University
Muhlenberg College (2)
Navaroth College

Nazareth College

New Jersey Institute of Technology

New York University (2) Northeastern University (3)

Pace University

Pennsylvania State University Pepperdine University

Providence College (6) Purdue University

Rutgers University, New Brunswick (3)

Sacred Heart University Saint Joseph's University Saint Peter's University (2) Salve Regina University Skidmore College Stetson University

Stevens Institute of Technology (3)

Stockton University (2) Temple University Texas Christian University The College of New Jersey

Tufts University

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama

University of California, Los Angeles

University of Delaware University of Findlay University of Florida University of Georgia University of Miami (3)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (3)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2)

University of Notre Dame (3) University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh University of Scranton (2) University of South Carolina (2) University of Southern California

University of the Sciences University of Virginia (3)

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Villanova University (8)

Virginia Polytechnic University (3)

Wake Forest University

Worcester Polytechnic Institute